

supported reading program including planning guides and other ready-to-use materials to public libraries. The State Library sponsors a Quiz Bowl competition that provides libraries the opportunity to have a major library related programming project for young adults.

#### 4) THE HANDICAPPED:

Priority for available LSCA Title I funds for services to the blind and physically handicapped is given to supplementing the state budget of the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Operated by the Special Services Section of the State Library, the regional library gives direct service to any North Carolina citizen who, because of certified visual or physical impairment, cannot hold or read regular print materials. Materials provided include braille and large-print books, books and magazines on disc and cassette and the equipment necessary to use whatever medium the material is in. Materials are mailed free of charge to these readers. LSCA funds are used to purchase large-type books, print newsletters and catalogs of materials, underwrite production and proofing of volunteer-produced materials and to supplement other areas of the service as needed.

#### 5) STATE INSTITUTIONAL LIBRARY SERVICES:

The State Library monitors an LSCA grant project available to qualifying state supported institutions in the NC Department of Correction and the NC Department of Human Resources. To qualify for assistance, an institution must receive at least fifty-one percent of its financial support from the state's general fund. LSCA funds are used by these institutions to purchase materials to supplement their existing collections.

#### 6) STRENGTHENING THE STATE LIBRARY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY:

The State Library's Technical Services Section is engaged in an ongoing LSCA-funded project of retrospective conversion to make the State Library's collections more accessible through electronic formats. Title I funding supports the staff cataloging positions necessary to perform quality cataloging of important library holdings.

#### 7) MAJOR URBAN RESOURCE LIBRARIES:

In North Carolina, major urban resource libraries are defined as libraries located in cities of over 100,000 population that have special collections and serve library users throughout the regional area in which